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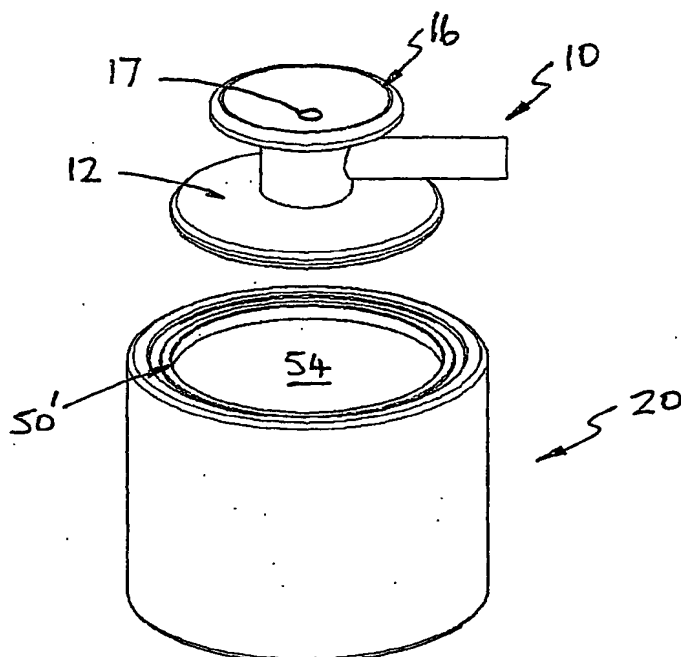
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(54) Title: COVER FOR THE DIAPHRAGM OF A STETHOSCOPE AND DISPENSER FOR SUCH A COVER



(57) Abstract: An apparatus for dispensing
a cover device, the cover device comprising
a frame and a membrane. The cover device
is actuatable from a first state, in which an
outer portion of the membrane is seated
on, or around, an outer surface of the
frame, and a second state in which the
outer portion of the membrane is located
generally inwardly of its seated position.
The apparatus comprises a magazine for
storing at least one cover device in said
first state, the magazine having a mouth through
which the at least one cover device may
be dispensed; and means for actuating the
at least one stored cover device from the
first state to the second state. In a preferred
embodiment, said actuating means actuates
the at least one stored cover device from
the first state to the second state upon
movement of said at least one stored cover
device into the magazine. Hence, when the
head of a stethoscope (or other instrument)
is inserted into the mouth of the dispenser,
thereby pushing the topmost cover device
into the magazine in a direction generally
away from the mouth, the cover device is
actuated to the second state thereby causing
it to grip the head of the stethoscope (or
other instrument).